

**CHAPTER NO. 277**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 912**

**By Representatives Phillips, Brooks, Fowlkes, Pruitt, Langster**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1251**

**By Senators Cooper, Harper, Dixon**

AN ACT providing for the placement of a historical marker at the Ringo Cemetery in Lincoln County, Tennessee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, the Tennessee Historical Commission is hereby directed to place a historical marker of appropriate size and design at the Ringo Cemetery in Lincoln County, Tennessee.

SECTION 2. The purpose of placing such a plaque is to recognize and commemorate the cultural and historical significance of the Ringo Cemetery, which was established in 1871 as a burial ground for deceased African Americans. Such plaque shall be engraved or otherwise marked on two (2) sides and shall bear the following language:

**THE RINGO CEMETERY**

On this site on June 2, 1871, the Ringo Cemetery was established as a burial ground for deceased African Americans. The land was provided by George B. Boyles, who sold two and one-fourth (2-1/4) acres of land to Felix Bagley, Peter Bagley, David Hill, \_\_\_\_\_ Benjamin, and \_\_\_\_\_ McDaniel, who were named trustees. The title of this property was made to the above trustees and their associates and successors in office forever as a burial place for African Americans.

In memory of our loved ones buried here.

These were not the first to pass on nor will they be the last. Let us celebrate their death as we have celebrated their life. They laid the foundation for our future. The dreams they had in the past for our future continue to blossom daily. With the support of the people in the community these dreams can be fulfilled. The ones being honored here must be remembered for influencing our lives today. They were loving individuals related to many of us. We will always love them and they will be in our hearts forever.

Trustees  
Darryl McKinney, Chairman  
Marilyn Johnson, Secretary  
Claudia Donaldson  
Freddie McKinney  
L. C. Curtis

SECTION 3. This act shall become operative only if Lincoln County, Tennessee remits the estimated cost of the erection of such plaque to the Tennessee historical commission within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Lincoln County shall make such payment prior to any expenditure by the state for manufacture or installation of such plaque. The commission shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Lincoln County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such plaque. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Lincoln County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the commission within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the commission.


SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 14, 2001**

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2001**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR